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Good for Consul-General Uyeno.

A BASIS OF SETTLEMENT.

It is true that Japanese laborers on Hawaii have asked for certain concessions, but we are advised that they have done so in the friendliest spirit and have coupled their requests with a resolution not to give aid or comfort to the strikers here. This being the case, we trust that the planters will do what they can to comply with the Hawaiian petition, not only as a matter of justice but of strategy; for, if the outlying Japanese are kept from contributing to the strike on Oahu and the strikers here are shown that the planters are willing to do the fair thing if not put under duress, the whole Makino movement must soon collapse.

As to the request for a minimum wage-rate of one dollar, there is sure to be wide differences of opinion; but the planters ought to be able, through an extension of the cane-contract system or the adoption of a piece-work basis of earnings to open the way for any Japanese to earn a dollar by working for it, or even more than a dollar. Such a plan would do away with the question of a ten-hour day, for a laborer could then work much or little, according to what he wanted to earn. Overtime and Sunday wage questions would also be set aside, for the industrious and ambitious field hands would keep on working and the lazy or careless ones would be at liberty to lay off when they pleased, but at their own expense. This latter class, once segregated, could then be gradually weeded out.

As to improved buildings to live in, the request of the Japanese is not unreasonable. They should have as good quarters as their fellow field hands of other nationalities enjoy. That a man should be regularly employed to keep the camps clean is a measure of public safety which should have been looked after long ago by the Board of Health. The further demand or request that reservoirs be not located near labor camps so that the mosquito pest may be abated, appeals to everybody's sense of humanity.

We put it to the planters: Is not the proposition here laid down a workable one, and if workable, would not its adoption quickly end the strike and turn the Japanese back, with augmented energy, into the work of cane production?

FEDERAL BUILDING ARCHITECTURE.

The story from Washington that nineteen architects, all from the mainland, have been invited to submit designs for a Federal building in Honolulu, is cheerful news to those who want the work to start, no matter what the building may turn out to be, but it prompts misgivings among those who not only desire a Federal building structure but wish to have it suitable from a climatic standpoint.

We take it that none of these architects know Honolulu and that most of them never saw the tropics. Their ideas of public buildings naturally conform to those of the north. We say this, not only because it is the natural presumption, but because the construction of the San Francisco postoffice was delayed for years by the inability of Eastern architects to comprehend the special California need of superior ventilation and of extraordinary large window spaces for the admission of sunshine and of structural security against earthquakes.

What do these nineteen mainland architects know of the special conditions of Honolulu? Here a public building should be open to the air on all sides, with no offices tucked away about inner light-shafts. The rooms should be at least twice the dimensions of those suitable to such a building in a northern city, so as to provide ample air space. The prevailing winds, the porosity of building material, the relation of plaster and certain kinds of roofing to the absorption and radiation of solar heat, the possibility of seismic visitations, and, finally, the architectural unities with a purely tropical surrounding—all these things should be perfectly familiar to the architect who is to plan a great building for this city. But alas! the kind of ignorance which gave the early Federal legislation for Hawaii a chapter devoted to the heating of public schoolhouses, is not absent from even the office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury. It is possible that we may get a building with window panes made small, so as to hold their own against the blizzard, with offices made tiny so that they may be thoroughly heated in winter with a single coil of steampipes, and with a roof of sufficient pitch to shed the snow.

THE STRIKE INDICEMENTS.

The charges on which the strike-leaders have been indicted are very serious indeed, and the authorities believe that the evidence on which they were procured is strong enough to convict. Such a result has been long foreshadowed. It must be four months ago that this paper first urged upon the Nippon danger in which its editor would be involved should any one be led to conspire against life or property because of its incendiary appeals; and now the dragnet of the law has caught the whole outfit, editor, strike-leaders and their dupes. It is a lesson which might have been learned without this dear experience. The law was clear enough and precedents were many; but to every plea against the "iron-hammer" and "sharp-sword" policy, came a jeer from the Jiji and a sneer from the leaders. They would do as they pleased; they had their rights; and they had no fear of the Territorial courts.

They know better now. They have been made to understand that the tactics of the soshi, however much they may terrorize the courts, police and even the ministers of Japan, receive no consideration here. Murder societies do not flourish in America, as the Mafia and the Mollie Maguire society long ago found out and as the Black Hand is learning now. Nor are any classes of men permitted to set up an authority separate from that established and recognized by law—a fact which rebellious Mormons once had to be taught. The United States acknowledges no rivalry within its borders; and in the administration of its laws will brook no alien interference; and let no Japanese delude himself with the idea that the findings of Territorial juries and courts in these strike cases will, if constitutional, fail of the support of the Federal government.

There are fifty-seven dairies licensed in and near this city, all of which Milk and Dairy Inspector Myhre visits. It took him some time to find them all, so deftly were the milking sheds of some of the Japanese dairymen concealed; but now he can spot them in the night. Not one of these places is let alone. Each is visited frequently and its cleanliness insisted on. Its delivery carts are stopped and the contents examined. Samples of milk are taken for testing to the Food Analyst, Mr. Duncan, the official with whom the Mayor's nominee, Sanders, proposes to have nothing to do, but whose aid is invaluable to Myhre. To these two experts, Duncan and Myhre, working in harmony, the present high standard of Honolulu milk is due. To dissolve that useful partnership for the sake of giving an office he could not fill to a mere political job-chaser, strikes us as an offence against public health.

What right has "Makino" to appeal to the Japanese government? He is a British subject, born of an English father in the city of Manchester. His mother was a Japanese, but his nationality is fixed by the status of his father and the place of his birth. That he took a Japanese name to increase his influence with the Japanese population here, does not entitle him to demand any of the privileges of a Japanese subject.

When a Kaiser and a Czar meet at sea, foreign shipping must keep its distance. That is why a British steamer in Finnish waters was fired upon yesterday by a Russian torpedo boat. The proceeding seems high-handed, but something may be excused in a navy which has not been able to stand anyone off since the time when Rojestvensky's fleet whipped the English trawlers in the North Sea.

Observation shows that the most reckless auto-driving done on Honolulu streets is that of garage employees in testing machines and public chauffeurs who take drunken parties out at night.

Ninety-four years ago today the battle of Waterloo was fought.

CLOSING EXERCISES WERE WELL ATTENDED

The Punahou Preparatory School held its closing exercises yesterday forenoon in Chas. R. Bishop Hall, Oahu College. The hall was well filled with happy children and their parents and friends.

The decorations on the platform were very artistic, and consisted of palms, banana trees, vines and other greens interspersed with flowers of blue and white, the class colors.

The school chorus consisting of about 150 members, including the graduating class, were seated on a large platform at the front erected for the purpose. The singing under Miss Rogers' leadership was a special feature of the program, and on all sides were to be heard praises for their excellently rendered selections. The program consisted of numbers by seven members of the class, one instrumental piece and several selections by the chorus. The invocation was by Rev. John W. Wadman.

All of the essays were especially interesting and well delivered, the speakers being easily heard in all parts of the hall.

The closing musical selection was a commencement song by the chorus, with the solo part sung by the class of 1909.

William Hitchcock on behalf of the class presented to the school a beautifully framed picture of Edwin Abbey's "The Palace of the Maidens."

President Griffiths accepted the gift for the school and after a few words of good advice and counsel he gave the class a cordial welcome to the College department, and presented each member with a diploma.

At the close of the exercises the parents were invited to remain and look at some of the art work of the children which was on exhibition in the lower hall.

Following is a list of the members of the graduating class:

Arthur De Witt Alexander, Isaac Kekoahooluokalani Allen, Mary Ruth Anderson, Juliette Olmsted Atwater, Morris Curtis Augur, Violet Dole Austin, Douglas Elmar Baldwin, Ernest Perrine Baldwin, William Beerman, Martha Margaret Bergersen, Elsie Jane Chalmers, Kan Yin Chun, Jane Cullen, Daphne Mills Damon, Vera Marian Day, Gretchen Falke, Ina Belle Ferguson, Amelia Kaleimokihana Gay, Ivan Montrose Graham, Dorothy Mary Guild, Charles Abbott Halsey, William Robert Hansen, Wilfred Ernest Harrison, William Charles Hitchcock, Mildred Amy Horne, Elizabeth Jessamine Low, Evelyn Wood Low, Kwock Fong Lum, Frances Leah Marshall, Helen Grieve McLean, Harold Edward Morgan, Elizabeth Scott Pratt, Joseph Kooki Pratt Jr., Robert Kenneth Reidford, Allan Renton, Margaret Frances Restarick, Pauline Elizabeth Schaefer, Bernice Myrtle Schumann, William Gustav Schumann, Helen Sevier Spalding, Oswald Bernard Steven, Mildred Stone, Gertrude Turner, Grace Eveline Vincent, Franc Marguerite Wadman, Lam Wah, Johana Lela Kanikele Weber, Leslie Winstead Wishard, Cara Genevieve Kealoa Young.

CRICKET VERY MUCH REDIVIVUS

If any local cricketers want to go to Maui and have the time of their lives, they had better get in early with their names and turn out to practice. Cricket has taken a sudden jump. This is principally due to the reports that came back from Maui of the hospitality of the people there and how anxious they are to have a team go from Honolulu and get a good licking.

There was a meeting of the local club yesterday afternoon and there was the largest representation ever seen at such a meeting. The cricketers all want to go to Maui and there was no difficulty about signing up a full team to travel over to the hospitable island during August and do their best to beat the Mauians batters.

The date of going was not settled on.

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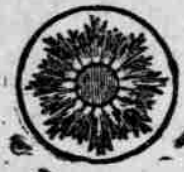
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